

# Daily Digest

## HIGHLIGHTS

Senate confirmed the nominations of Tommy G. Thompson, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Norman Y. Mineta, to be Secretary of Transportation.

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### *Routine Proceedings, pages S507–S555*

**Measures Introduced:** Sixteen bills and one resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 161–176, and S. Con. Res. 3. **Page S527**

**Nominations Considered:** A unanimous-consent-time agreement was reached providing for consideration of the nominations of Gale Ann Norton, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior, on Monday, January 29, 2001 at 2 p.m., and Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at 10:30 a.m.; Christine Todd Whitman, of New Jersey, to be Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at 10 a.m.; and Elaine Chao, to be Secretary of Labor, on Tuesday, January 30, 2001 at 2:15 p.m.; to be followed by votes on confirmation of the aforementioned nominations beginning at 2:45 p.m. **Pages S552–53**

#### **Appointments:**

**Senate National Security Working Group:** The Chair, announced on behalf of the Democratic Leader, pursuant to the provisions of S. Res. 105 (adopted April 13, 1989), as amended by S. Res. 149 (adopted October 5, 1993), as amended by Public Law 105–275, further amended by S. Res. 75 (adopted March 25, 1999), and S. Res. 383 (adopted October 27, 2000), the appointment of the following Senators to serve as members of the Senate National Security Working Group for the 107th Congress: Senators Byrd (Democratic Administrative Co-Chairman), Levin (Democratic Co-Chairman), Biden (Democratic Co-Chairman), Kennedy, Sarbanes, Kerry, Dorgan, Durbin, and Bill Nelson. **Pages S554–55**

**Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe:** The Chair, on behalf of the Vice President, pursuant to Public Law 94–304, as amended by Public Law 9907, appointed the following Senators to the Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Senators Dodd, Graham, Feingold, and Clinton. **Pages S554–55**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 4), Tommy G. Thompson, of Wisconsin, to be Secretary of Health and Human Services.

By unanimous vote of 100 yeas (Vote No. EX. 5), Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Transportation. **Pages S515–19, S555**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nomination:

Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Transportation. **Page S555**

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**Additional Statements:** **Page S525**

**Record Votes:** Two record votes were taken today. (Total—5) **Page S519**

**Adjournment:** Senate met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:41 p.m., until 11:30 a.m., on Thursday, January 25, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S555.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, of California, to be Secretary of Transportation.

Prior to this action, Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Norman Y. Mineta, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Boxer and Inouye and Representative Dreier, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Energy and Natural Resources:* Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of Gale

Ann Norton, of Colorado, to be Secretary of the Interior.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee began consideration of the nomination of John D. Ashcroft, of Missouri, to be Attorney General of the United States, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

### NOMINATION

*Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions:* Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Elaine L. Chao, of Kentucky, to be Secretary of Labor, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Leahy, McConnell and Bunning, testified and answered questions in her own behalf.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

The House was not in session.

## Committee Meetings

No committee meetings were held.

## COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2001

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

### Senate

*Committee on the Budget,* to hold hearings to examine evolving fiscal challenges, 10 a.m., SD-216.

### House

No committee meetings are scheduled.